

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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hour to 1000 millirem per hour. The instrument must have been calibrated in accordance with § 35.51 of this part.

Subpart I—Teletherapy

§ 35.600 Use of a sealed source in a teletherapy unit.

The regulations and provisions of this subpart govern the use of teletherapy units for medical use that contain a sealed source of cobalt-60 or cesium-137.

§ 35.605 Maintenance and repair restrictions.

Only a person specifically licensed by the Commission or an Agreement State to perform teletherapy unit maintenance and repair shall:

(a) Install, relocate, or remove a teletherapy sealed source or a teletherapy unit that contains a sealed source; or

(b) Maintain, adjust, or repair the source drawer, the shutter or other mechanism of a teletherapy unit that could expose the source, reduce the shielding around the source, or result in increased radiation levels.

§ 35.606 License amendments.

In addition to the changes specified in § 35.13 of this part, a licensee shall apply for and must receive a license amendment before:

(a) Making any change in the treatment room shielding;

(b) Making any change in the location of the teletherapy unit within the treatment room;

(c) Using the teletherapy unit in a manner that could result in increased radiation levels in areas outside the teletherapy treatment room;

(d) Relocating the teletherapy unit; or

(e) Allowing an individual not listed on the licensee's license to perform the duties of the teletherapy physicist.

§ 35.610 Safety instruction.

(a) A licensee shall post instructions at the teletherapy unit console. To satisfy this requirement, these instructions must inform the operator of:

(1) The procedure to be followed to ensure that only the patient or the human research subject is in the treatment room before turning the primary

beam of radiation on to begin a treatment or after a door interlock interruption;

(2) The procedure to be followed if:

(i) The operator is unable to turn the primary beam of radiation off with controls outside the treatment room or any other abnormal operation occurs; and

(ii) The names and telephone numbers of the authorized users and Radiation Safety Officer to be immediately contacted if the teletherapy unit or console operates abnormally.

(b) A licensee shall provide instruction in the topics identified in paragraph (a) of this section to all individuals who operate a teletherapy unit.

(c) A licensee shall retain for three years a record of individuals receiving instruction required by paragraph (b) of this section, a description of the instruction, the date of instruction, and the name of the individual who gave the instruction.

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§ 35.615 Safety precautions.

(a) A licensee shall control access to the teletherapy room by a door at each entrance.

(b) A licensee shall equip each entrance to the teletherapy room with an electrical interlock system that will:

(1) Prevent the operator from turning the primary beam of radiation on unless each treatment room entrance door is closed;

(2) Turn the primary beam of radiation off immediately when an entrance door is opened; and

(3) Prevent the primary beam of radiation from being turned on following an interlock interruption until all treatment room entrance doors are closed and the beam on-off control is reset at the console.

(c) A licensee shall equip each entrance to the teletherapy room with a beam condition indicator light.

(d) A licensee shall install in each teletherapy room a permanent radiation monitor capable of continuously monitoring beam status.

(1) A radiation monitor must provide visible notice of a teletherapy unit malfunction that results in an exposed